

August 7, 2023

Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA)
221 E. Main St.
Round Rock, TX 78664

Attn: Karen Bondy, General Manager

Re: BCRUA Underwater Pipeline Improvements
Project No.: 03-00779

Dear Ms. Bondy:

On August 2, 2023, Walker Partners assisted the BCRUA in opening competitive sealed proposals for the above referenced project. Two responsive, competitive sealed proposals were submitted by Thalle Construction Company, Inc. (Thalle) of Hillsborough, NC and CAYO, LLC (CAYO) of Fort Worth, TX. Neither of the proposals included any deviations from the contract documents. The proposals were evaluated and ranked based on the following selection criteria: 30% for Contractor Relevant Experience and References, 60% for Cost Proposal, and 10% for Proposed Schedule. Based on evaluation of the proposals, Thalle is the highest ranked proposer offering the best value, as determined by the selection criteria and ranking assessment.

Evaluation of Thalle's proposal included a review of their technical qualifications and experience, including major subcontractors. A background check was performed based on feedback from owners and engineering firms for similar projects the Thalle team has completed and is in the process of completing. The overall impression from this review is that Thalle provides quality work in a timely and professional manner. Also, our Walker Partners/BCRUA team has recently completed a successful BCRUA Underwater Pipeline Emergency Repairs with the Thalle team, who have direct knowledge and experience working on the existing underwater pipeline.

Based on the information presented and evaluation of the proposals, Walker Partners recommends that the BCRUA award a contract to Thalle for the total Base plus Allowance Proposal amount of **\$6,710,000.00** for the Underwater Pipeline Improvements. We will prepare the Notice of Intent to Award Letter and other contract documents for transmittal to Thalle, pending final acceptance and direction from the BCRUA.

Sincerely,



Jason Bybel, PE, PMP
Project Manager

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